

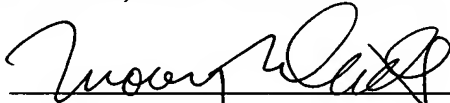
REMARKS

Claims 1-37 are in this application. After claim cancellations herein, claims 29-37 will be pending in this application.

This application is a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. PCT/JP2004/011650. By virtue of this amendment, claims 1-28 have been canceled in order to reduce the number of claims for filing fee purposes. This application now contains nine (9) total claims, including two (2) independent claims, such that no extra claim fees are due now.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims presented are patentable. An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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